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In re application of:

Liu, et al.

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For: **Method and System for Restoring
Coincident Line and Facility Failures**

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GROUP 2700**Request for Withdrawal Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 as
Attorneys of Record and
Revocation of Deposit Account Authorization**

Attn. Group Director

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, the undersigned, currently having the Power of Attorney in the above-referenced U.S. patent application, hereby request permission to withdraw as attorneys of record.

Basis for Withdrawal Request

The basis for the withdrawal request is the client, MCI Communications Corporation, knowingly and freely assents to termination of the employment and representation of the firm of Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein and Fox, P.L.L.C. in the above-captioned application. See, 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c), section(5). MCI Communications Corporation is the sole assignee of the entire interest in the above-captioned application.

Last Known Address of Applicant (Assignee)

The last known mailing address of MCI Communications Corporation, the sole assignee of the entire interest in the above-captioned application, is:

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Allowance of Time for Applicant (Assignee) to Act

Currently, to the knowledge of the undersigned there is no outstanding action for which a response is due within 30 days by the Applicant (Assignee), and for which the undersigned are responsible.

The correspondence address is **NOT** affected by this withdrawal.

Further, only the attorneys of record for Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein, & Fox, P.L.L.C., are included in this withdrawal. Other attorneys of record for MCI Communications Corporation retain Power of Attorney in the above-captioned application.

Notification of Applicant (Assignee)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this request has been sent to the Applicant (Assignee).

Number of Copies of Request

This request is enclosed in triplicate (an original and two copies) to expedite the handling thereof.

Revocation of Deposit Account Authorization

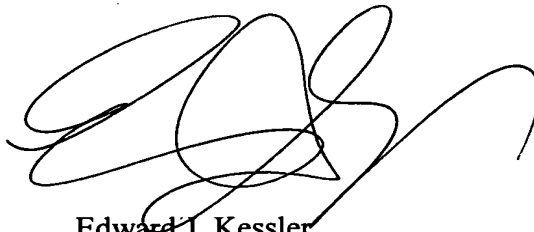
Authorization to charge any costs in the above-captioned application to SKGF Deposit Account No. 19-0036 is hereby revoked.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned, whose current address is provided below, be granted permission to withdraw as attorneys of record in the above-referenced matter.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. J. Kessler', written over a horizontal line.

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